(c) what action Government propose to take to improve the situation in the Institute so that huge investment made is put to proper use?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION & DEPTT. OF CULTURE (KM. SELJA) : (a) The news item referred to in the question is actually a letter to the editor. According to the University, the said letter is not based on facts. The University has informed that the laboratories of V. P. Chest Institute are functioning normally and the available equipments are being utilised.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Curb on self—Financed Institutions

717. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:
MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the introduction of new rules and curbs on self-financed institutions has blocked the admission of foreign students in Indian educational institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government have received a number of represention against new rules and curbs; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION & DEPTT. OF CULTURE): (K. M. SELJA): (a) *to* (d) The Supreme Court of India in their judgement of 4-2-1993 have laid down a scheme for regulating admissions and prescription of fess in professional colleges. There is no question of any blockage of admission of foreign students. The admissions are done on the basis of the approved procedures and Rules. The Government have not received any specific representation on the scheme of the Supreme Court.

Physical Fitness of Sportsmen

718. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that physical fitness is a must for success of a sportsman;

(b) whether it is also a fact that low physique of our sportsmen is one of the reasons for their not coming upto the mark in various international sports-meet; and

(c) the details of the steps Government propose to take to promote physical fitness among athletes and sportsmen of the country at central and State levels?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK): (a) *and* (d) Though physical fitness requirements differ from sport to sport, yet it is generally noticed that our performance in international competitions has not been upto the mark especially in disciplines which require high level of physical fitness.

(c) (i) More emphasis is being placed on physical fitness amongst the people specially in schools and educational institutions. A Sub-Committee of the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) has also been